

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HJR 748

March 16, 2020

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Reaffirms that Tennessee is a sanctuary for the right of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms. Extends a safe harbor to Virginians and other United States citizens whose constitutional rights are being violated by elected officials. Asserts that Tennessee will not comply with extra-constitutional actions from any government. Recognizes that citizens must be able to keep and bear arms that are at least equal to those of their government's basic infantry unit, which includes semi-automatic AR-15s, AK-47s, and similar firearms.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (017003):** Deletes all language after the caption. Reaffirms that Tennessee is a sanctuary for the right of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms. Extends a safe harbor to Virginians and other United States citizens whose constitutional rights are being violated by elected officials. Asserts that Tennessee will not comply with extra-constitutional actions from any government. Recognizes that citizens must be able to keep and bear arms, which includes semi-automatic firearms that are at least equal to those of their government's basic infantry unit. Recognizes members of the armed forces as people of honor who take an oath to uphold the Constitution of the United States, including the right to keep and bear arms.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Article 1, Section 26 of the Tennessee Constitution states, "That the citizens of this state have a right to keep and to bear arms for their common defense; but the Legislature shall have power, by law, to regulate the wearing of arms with a view to prevent crime."
- Pursuant to the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution, "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."
- Reaffirming that Tennessee is a sanctuary for the right of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms will not have a significant impact on state revenue or expenditures.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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